

**Fresno, CA** - Today, Congressman Jim Costa (CA-20) announced that Kern County will receive approximately \$310,000 from the United States Department of Justice and the United States Department Health and Human Services.

"These funds play an integral role in the county's ability to maintain a safe environment in which residents can thrive," Congressman Costa said.

The Kern County District Attorney will receive \$71,352 for the DNA Capacity Enhancement program. These funds will be used to improve laboratory infrastructure and analysis capacity, which will allow the District Attorney's office to process DNA samples in an efficient and cost effective manner.

In addition, Kern Medical Center in Bakersfield will receive approximately \$245,516 from the Health Resources and Services Administration which is under the Department of Health and Human Services. The grant money allocated under the Health Care and Other Facilities Program will be used to purchase new equipment for Kern Medical Center.

"The realization of DNA technology's full potential will help keep our community safe. In addition, funding medical technology is critical to providing the best health care possible," Costa concluded.

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